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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 1139. Open for discussion on those amendments. Senator Beutler, you're recognized.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd like to speak to the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler waives off his opportunity. There are no further lights on, Senator Landis. Did you wish to close on the committee amendments to LB 1139?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I would close on the committee amendments by saying they are essentially the technical material from LB 1092 with the exception of the AFLAC amendment. And I would ask for the adoption and then I'll be happy to open myself up to discussing LB 1139 and the MEWA bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the committee amendments to LB 1139. The question before the body is adoption of those committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1139. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. We're now back to the original bill itself, LB 1139, advancement. Senator Beutler, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Senator Landis, I'd like to ask a few questions, if I may? First of all, there seems to be a distinction between MEWAs...is that what they call them, MEWAs?

SENATOR LANDIS: They do. MEWAs.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It sounds like some thing from a 1950s' song, (singing) MEWA-MEWA. If they're fully insured, are they covered